

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 99  
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to honor and thank Claude Holsclaw for his outstanding contributions to his community and the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such person is Claude Holsclaw, a man of honor and dignity who is known throughout the Tennessee sports community as a coaching legend; and

WHEREAS, Claude Holsclaw began his unrivaled athletic career in high school at Elizabethton High where he was a four-sport star, impressive as both a tailback on the gridiron and a starter on the 1944 state championship runner-up basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holsclaw was also a stellar athlete in college; playing as a freshman in the 1945 Rose Bowl for the University of Tennessee and later at Milligan College becoming the first athlete in Milligan's history to letter in four sports during a year; and

WHEREAS, his prowess on the baseball diamond saw him play minor league baseball for the Elizabethton Cubs and semi-professional baseball in Virginia; he managed teams in Coeburn, Lebanon, and St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Claude returned home to Carter County and began his legendary career as head coach of the baseball team and aided in coaching the Unaka High School football team in conjunction with Lynn Goddard; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Coach Holsclaw moved to Elizabethton High School, instituting a shotgun offense football team and leading the baseball team to the state finals, ultimately losing to Memphis Christian Brothers High School and future St. Louis Cardinal, Tim McCarver; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Coach Holsclaw returned to Unaka High School where his many excellent Ranger baseball teams produced winners on and off the field for many years; his teams, including Elizabethton, produced 302 wins during his tenure as head coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Holsclaw sought the best for all the young men who played for him; instilling a sense of pride in themselves and their community, by showing through example his commitment to hard work, integrity, and selflessness; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the student-athletes, parents, and community of Unaka High School has made him a beloved figure for six decades; and

WHEREAS, such dedication, integrity, and commitment have been deservedly recognized by the naming of the new baseball field at Unaka High School the "Claude Holsclaw Field"; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Coach Holsclaw for his accomplishments and his extraordinary contributions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Claude Holsclaw for his outstanding

contributions to his community and the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.